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Dear Francois:

I am very much gratified to have your formal invitation to address The Club de Physiologie Cellulaire. Of course you know what you're getting into, if I speak in French, but I will try.

If it is important that the meeting be held on Friday evening, I could agree to speak on the 8th March; however, this is the next day after my arrival, and I may not be as fit for the ordeal as, say, the next Monday. I am quite happy to put myself in your hands— please use your best judgment.

Our current planned itinerary is to arrive ~~xxx~~ at Paris on Thursday morning, March 7, at 1000, on Air France flight 060 (tourist). We plan to remain until the following Tuesday, departing 7PM for London on AF 590.

Please ~~do~~ not bother yourself about the exchange problem any further. I will have to do some further travelling in the U.S. after returning from London, and at worst can use any 'surplus' of francs to ~~buy~~ buy my tickets in Paris.

My title should remain 'Le mecanisme genetique de 'phase variation' flagellaire antigenique chez Salmonella'.

May I ask you to send me your current reprints as soon as you conveniently can? I am writing a review on Recombination Genetics, and would like to cover everything published through 1956, as far as possible.

We have much to discuss scientifically— as we shall in person. Esther has some very intriguing results on the segregation both of λ and of P434 from heterogenetes.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg

P.S. Can you suggest anything we should particularly bring with us? (Considering how often you and your colleagues 'commute' across the Atlantic, this is perhaps a silly question.)